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Brother Garison, I take the liberty to address you on Business of most vital importance, ya thrilling: the armies of the wicked are calling their forces together & are arraying themselves for a great Battle against the little remnant of Gods chosen ones. The excitement here is great & now already assumes appearances Big with tremendous consequencies: H. C. Wright has been here, L. S. Foster has been here, & also Mr. Clark from Hanover & all the people have been wonderfully disturbed judgement hath turned away backward; justice standeth afar afar off, truth hath fallen in the Street & equity cannot enter; ya, truth faileth; & he that departeth from evil maketh himself a Pray: & I am that pray, ea, the Solitary pray. But God is with me & he is my & will give me
[illegible]t tower & the Holy Ghost is with me, words suitably [illegible] all occasions; last week on thirsday I was visited by our ~~visiting~~ Committy of discipline & same day immediately dragged before the Church. & Charged with bringing in Heresy. I am to appear before the Church to make my defense this week thirsday. yesterday, Sabbath. I wrote the following notice & requested my minister Mr Jenerson to read it before the congregation. & he. being rather irritated refused to read it: so I was compeled to stand up before the audience myself & read it. I read thus.

By leave of Providence there will be a Church meeting at this place on thirsday next at 2 Oclock P. M. for the purpose of hearing Mr. Buttons defence on a charge prefered against him for Heresy: it is his most earnest request to every Brother & Sister of this Church who is able, to put on Christ & be present: he proposes to plead his own Case, the Holy Ghost alone helping him: the doors will be thrown open to all persons who may wish to be present; when I spoke to my minister about defending

my Case. he said I had no Case to defend. for I had acknowledged enough to condemn me. & that I must not think to trouble the Church long with my defeme. So you see they are for dragging me off out of the way. Lynch like. ~~now Brother~~ the following items will prominantly be brought up at that meeting viz. Garison. womans rights. H. C. Wright & to cap off with. Sammy Wright. now Brother. I trust that the faithful little Band the true Children of God. do stand (& have for a long time) as minute men. ready to drop all & rally together our forces at the first sound of the trump of war. having our armor alway Bright.

take the first Cars on ~~wednesday~~ thirday morning & you will arrive at my ~~door~~ house about Half Past 12 Oclock in time; & I will meet you at my door; we must have a ready writer. Say Miss Chapman, can we also have Miss Kelly for we must have some Holy women, such as can open their mouths & speak to this people. & let them know that women have rights or I should have as much as men. bring any others you may wish. S. S. Foster & Mr. Brotha Clark will be here. this morning I sent a swift mesenger to Concord for Brothers N. T. Rogers H. C. Wright J. B. Chandler & Brother Amos Wood. please to write me by the return of Mail

yours for the Kingdom of Christ

David Button

N. B. we must not let our left hand know what our right doeth